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REMARKS

All amendments are made in a good faith effort to advance the prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part and /or divisional applications.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments above be entered and submit that these amendments will put the claims in condition for allowance or better form for appeal. Antecedent basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification.

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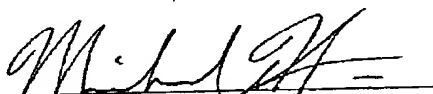
SUMMARY

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone or facsimile.

Applicants submit herewith check #876369 in the amount of \$424.00 for the four (4) additional Independent claims and the twenty-eight (28) total additional claims, at the small entity rate. Applicants believe no additional fees are due. However, should the Commissioner deem any additional fees as being due, including any fees for any extensions of time, the Commissioner is hereby requested to accept this as a Petition therefor, and is authorized to charge any fees due to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account number 02-0383, Order number 075006.0103.

Respectfully submitted,

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